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SUMMARY: EMBOFF BRIEFED FONOFF REP DRAWING ON REFTEL. GOJ HAS MADE NO DECISIONS YET ON AID TO MSA COUNTRIES, AND, SIMILARLY TO USG, FEELS AID COULD BEST BE GIVEN THROUGH EXISTING BODIES. FONOFF REP ASKED A) IF USG WOULD UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES CONTRIBUTE TO SPECIAL FUND, AND B) WHETHER USG AND GOJ REPLIES TO SYG APPEAL SHOULD BE COORDINATED. ACTION REQUESTED: RESPONSE TO FONOFF'S QUESTIONS. END SUMMARY.

1. ON JUNE 24, DRAWING ON REFTEL, EMBOFF BRIEFED FONOFF REP (NANAO, ECONOMIC AFFAIRS DIVISION, UNITED NATIONS BUREAU) ON USG VIEWS RE AID TO LDC'S AND POLICY ON VARIOUS INTERNATIONAL FORUMS.

2. IN RESPONSE, NANAO RECALLED THAT AT RECENT UN SPECIAL SESSION GOJ DEL HAD INDICATED THAT IF BROAD INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT ON SPECIAL FUND WERE REACHED, GOJ WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO FUND TO EXTENT POSSIBLE. SINCE THAT TIME, HOWEVER, FEELING HAS DEVELOPED WITHIN GOJ (IN PARTICULAR WITHIN MINISTRY OF FINANCE, HE SAID) THAT PROLIFERATION OF AID GIVING ORGANIZATIONS IS UNDESIRABLE AND THAT, ALTHOUGH UN FUND COULD SERVE AS QTE FIGUREHEAD UNQTE OR FRAMEWORK WITHIN WHICH AID COULD BE PROVIDED, AID SHOULD ACTUALLY BE GIVEN THROUGH EXISTING ORGANIZATIONS IN ORDER TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THEIR EXPERTISE. THUS, NANAO SAID, THERE WOULD NOT APPEAR TO BE LARGE DIFFERENCES OF SUBSTANCE BETWEEN USG AND GOJ IDEAS AT THIS TIME.

3. HOWEVER, USG REFUSAL TO CONTRIBUTE TO SPECIAL FUND IN SPITE OF BROAD INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT TO FUND MIGHT QTE SAP UNQTE UN AND PROVOKE LDC'S SAID NANAO. FONOFF WOULD APPRECIATE CLARIFICATION WHETHER USG POSITION FIRM NOT TO CONTRIBUTE TO SPECIAL FUND UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.

4. NANAO CONTINUED BY SAYING THAT GOJ HAD BEEN UNABLE TO GIVE FIRM REPLY TO UN SYG'S APPEAL FOR AID COMMIT- MENTS BY JUNE 15 GOAL, BUT HAD SENT INTERIM REPLY TO EFFECT MATTER UNDER DISCUSSION WITHIN GOJ. GOJ LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WOULD LIKE TO GIVE DEFINITE REPLY DURING JULY, AND APPROPRIATE OPPORTUNITIES FOR THIS SEEM TO EXIST: ECOSOC MEETING BEGINNING JULY 3 (WHICH PROBABLY TOO EARLY FOR GOJ REPLY AS GOJ DUE TO SPEAK JULY 4), AND POSSIBLE AID DONOR MEETING TO BE CONVENED BY PREBISCH JULY 11 IN GENEVA. FONOFF THINKS IT MIGHT BE DESIRABLE FOR USG AND GOJ TO QTE SYNCHRONIZE UNQTE THEIR RESPONSES, AND WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING USG

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THINKING ON THIS POINT.

5. GOJ HAS NOT REACHED ANY FIRM DECISIONS ON ADDITIONAL AID TO MSA COUNTRIES, NANAO CONTINUED, BUT FOUR QTE PRELIMINARY IDEAS UNQTE ARE UNDER CONSIDERATION AT THIS TIME. A) GOJ COULD PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FLOWS OF CONVENTIONAL AID--COMMODITY, DEBT RESCHEDULING, AND GRANTS--DIRECTLY TO MSA COUNTRIES. B) GOJ COULD PROVIDE ADDITIONAL AID THROUGH MULTILATERAL BODIES, SUCH AS IDA. ADDITIONAL AID TO SAHELE COUNTRIES, OR THROUGH WORLD FOOD PLAN, COULD BE PROVIDED. C) IF THE NEEDED AMOUNT OF EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE COULD BE AGREED TO, AND IF IT CLEAR OTHER POTENTIAL DONORS WOULD HAVE CONTRIBUTIONS, THEN GOJ WOULD EXAMINE POSSI-BILITY OF EMERGENCY AID TO MSA COUNTRIES THROUGH UN. D) GOJ COULD CONTRIBUTE TO SPECIAL FUND.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPT PROVIDE GUIDANCE FOR RESPONSE TO FONOFF QUESTIONS PARAS 3 AND 4 ABOVE. SHOESMITH

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